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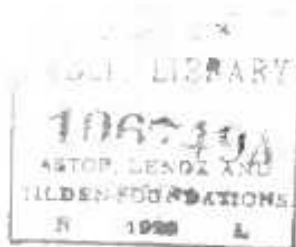
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## PREFACE.

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THIS volume is small, and will therefore take but an evening of precious time to peruse it. Let it have but a fair chance, and then approve or condemn, as is right. It is given to the public as truth, and not as fiction. Take the disguise out of it, and much of it could be established by living witnesses.

The plan adopted is this: The author had been in the West from the time he was verging into manhood, but after a number of years returned to visit his mother. She requested him to give a narrative of his life and experience in the West. This little volume is the narrative as he related it to her. An understanding of this plan is necessary to proper appreciation.

THE AUTHOR.

JULY 12, 1883.





TO THE MEMORY OF MY MOTHER,  
WHOSE VIRTUOUS TRAINING HAS INFLUENCED MY FOOT-  
STEPS THROUGH ALL THE CHANGING  
FORTUNES OF MY LIFE.

THE AUTHOR.



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